



## ST. PETER'S COVID-19 HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

The holiday season is a time of thankfulness, celebration, and love—and in pre-pandemic times, a time when family and friends come together to share in the joyous season of giving. But there are many hungry Arlington families, children, and seniors who won't have enough food on the table this year to celebrate.

Once again, *St. Peter's is encouraging parishioners, especially families with young children, to give back during the holiday season and help our hungry Arlington neighbors.* All items collected will be part of St. Peter's holiday food drive for the **Arlington Food Assistance Center**. AFAC provides 2,400 Arlington families and individuals with dignified access to nutritious supplemental groceries free of charge to allow them to devote their limited financial resources to obligations such as housing, utilities, medication, and other basic needs. (AFAC also needs new or gently used reusable shopping bags, so if you can provide one it would be greatly appreciated.)

With the challenges of COVID-19, we will have **four no-contact, curbside drop-off opportunities at St. Peter's**: the Saturday before Thanksgiving (**November 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**), the Saturday before Christmas (**December 19 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**), and **during the Christmas Tree pickup on Friday, December 4, and Saturday, December 5.**

Thank you for your support for this important holiday mission! All items collected will be part of St. Peter's holiday food drive for AFAC. And all donations are welcomed, though the items AFAC needs most are the following low-sugar and low-sodium items:

- canned tuna and chicken
- canned soup
- canned vegetables
- canned tomatoes
- peanut butter (in plastic jars)
- pasta
- rice
- boxed cereal (not oatmeal)

You can also donate on-line: please go to: <https://afac.org/donatepage/virtual-food-drive/>. Thank you for your support for this important mission!